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Obama's being inaugurated, it's Martin Luther King Day and Beyonce's singing the anthem. Black folk are having the best Monday EVER.
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Love that the Obama girls sat down and immediately pulled out cellphones. #justlikeus #inaug2013 @CARRIEDRUMMOND

Karl Rove in his basement, enacting a Romney inauguration with life-sized cardboard figures.
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I really appreciate the fact that this year's inauguration is reaching out to the gay community @SHAYMUSALWAN

- President Barack Obama kicks off second term with a call for collective action
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# 'WE MUST ACT'

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Love that today's inauguration was about all Americans, present and future. #createdequal
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Unquestionably the largest cheer so far for a jumbotron appearance has gone to Jay-Z and Beyonce...louder than Joe and Jill Biden. #inaug13
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# Boston honors Martin Luther King Jr.'s acheivements with annual breakfast, celebration

Hundreds gathered at the Boston Convention Center yesterday, just hours before the nation's first black president was to be sworn in for his second term, to honor the civil rights hero that paved the way.

The 43rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast drew activists, clergy, business leaders and elected officials from across the state.

Gov. Deval Patrick and Sen. Elizabeth Warren were both attending the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. — but they gave remarks through recorded videos.

"It is fitting that these two historic events should intersect," Patrick said. "[King] imagined this day before many Americans could conceive of blacks and whites drinking from the same fountain."

Patrick reminisced about being a child and attending a speech by King in Chicago.

"Candidly, I can't remember a word he said, but I do remember what it felt like. I remember the deep solemnity of the occasion. I remember ... I felt connected to all those other people at that park — people like me of limited means, but limitless hope," he said.

Warren said she would take "her own silent oath" during President Obama's swearing-in ceremony "to do everything I can to help him make this country a country that is truly committed to the ideals that Dr. King laid out for us."

The Director of Boston's Fair Housing Commission, Dion Irish, spoke on behalf of Mayor Thomas Menino, who was also missing from the breakfast.

"True progress is widely shared; that's what we believe in Boston. That's what Dr. King believed: equal opportunities and civil rights. These aren't just words, they are the foundation of our approach to leading to make sure that Boston is a city that works for all of its people," Irish said.

Miles Easterling, 13, of Quincy, said it was his third time at the annual event.

"We come to celebrate Dr. King and also to see friends and have a good time," he said.

Proceeds from the event will go toward scholarships and community programs.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ Members of the Boston City-Wide String Orchestra play during the annual Martin Luther King. Jr. Breakfast yesterday.

**"True progress is widely shared; that's what we believe in Boston. That's what Dr. King believed."**

**IRISH, ON BEHALF OF MAYOR THOMAS MENINO**

### King's Boston roots

King earned a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology at Boston University in 1955. He met his wife, Coretta Scott King, there. He preached his first sermons at the 12th Baptist Church. In April 1979, King led a civil rights rally of more than 20,000 people in Boston Common.

**50**

2013 marks 50 years since King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

**200K**

King delivered the speech to more than 200,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

**150**

This year also marks 150 years since the Emancipation Proclamation.

**Morgan Rousseau**
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### By the numbers

**2-6**

A snowstorm that was set to start last night and trickle into Tuesday was expected to dump between 2 and 6 inches of snow in Boston. The city's Public Works Department expected to have about 300 pieces of snow equipment on the streets by 1 a.m.

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### Today's local tweet

**"Life changing - liquor stores deliver?! #southie"**

**@_SADIESADES ON THE CONVENIENCE OF HER NEIGHBORHOOD**

### In the news

## More countdown signs on the T

**BOSTON.** MBTA officials fired up 12 new countdown signs yesterday at stations on the Red and Blue lines.

The signs, which display when trains will arrive, are now active at Wonderland, Government Center, JFK/UMass and North Quincy stations. The first ones were unveiled at South Station in August.

The T now has countdown signs at 42 stations on the Red, Blue and Orange lines.

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▶ Is your train on time?

### State auditors find hundreds of welfare fraud cases

**1.3M**

Auditors found evidence of $1.3 million in fraudulently obtained welfare benefits in Massachusetts.

**1.7K**

Auditor Suzanne Bump said that 1,769 investigations during July, August and September revealed ...

**246**

... 246 people were defrauding the state of food stamps, health care benefits, public housing or cash assistance.

**246**

Bump said auditors uncovered $5.5 million in fraudulent benefits during 2012.

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### In the news

## Coakley says she's running to keep AG job

**MASSACHUSETTS.** Attorney General Martha Coakley is running to keep her job. Coakley said that she's running for attorney general next year, according to the Herald. Coakley made the remarks after speaking during yesterday's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast. Since Gov. Deval Patrick has said he will not run again after his current term expires, the field of potential Democratic candidates is open. Last week, Lt. Governor Tim Murray said he also will not run for governor in 2014 citing the time commitment away from his young family.

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# Firefighter hurt, 12 residents displaced after two-alarm fire

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▶ Boston Firefighters also battled a three-alarm fire at Logan Furniture on Freeport Street in Dorchester early yesterday morning. No injuries were reported.

A firefighter was injured and a dozen people were displaced after an early morning blaze tore through a building at 16 Estrella St. in Mattapan yesterday.

Fire crews responded just after 2 a.m. and found smoke and heavy fire coming from the third floor of the three-story building, fire officials said.

Besides the flames, firefighters battled bitterly cold temperatures. It was 25 degrees when crews were on scene, according to the fire department.

There were 12 people displaced by the two-alarm fire and the Red Cross was called in to assist residents. One firefighter was taken to Boston Medical Center for burns.

**$500K** Fire officials estimate for damages caused by blaze

About two hours before the house fire, crews were called to Logan Furniture showroom and warehouse on Freeport Street in Dorchester for a three-alarm fire. Both blazes are still under investigation.

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News in brief

## Alternative to bottle bill on table

About six months after a drawn-out debate over whether to expand the state's bottle deposit law, a group backed by the food and beverage industry is looking to scrap the law in favor of a new recycling program.

"Ninety percent of the cities and towns have available to them either curbside or drop-off programs for their recyclables. Why are we segregating ... some of the recyclables and bringing them back to a food store," Chris Flynn of the Massachusetts Food Association asked, adding the current law is about three to four times more expensive. SHNS

**.01** Sen. Michael Moore filed legislation to end the five-cent deposit and to replace it with a one-cent fee paid by distributors to fund recycling efforts.

**Inaugural.** Eagles

▶ Students at Boston College watch President Barack Obama's second inaugural address yesterday.

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## BC band marches in inaugural parade

**Boston College's marching band was one of the groups to march during the inaugural parade in Washington D.C., yesterday. The 155-member band, known as the "Screaming Eagles," performed the fight song "For Boston," according to the college. Some students back at the school's campus watched their peers on a televised projection screens.** METRO

# City street worker facing gun charges

A city anti-violence worker will face a judge today in connection with the near fatal shooting of a woman last weekend.

Jeremy Harrison, 28, of Boston, faces gun charges during his arraignment today in court. He is the second street worker to be arrested in about a week.

Police responded to 6 Arbutus St., in Mattapan just after 10 a.m. Sunday for a report of a person shot. Inside, officers found a woman in her early 20s suffering from a life-threatening gunshot wound, according to police.

She was taken to Boston Medical Center.

Harrison was charged with illegal possession of a gun and failure to properly secure a gun with a minor present. He has not been charged with the shooting, but additional charges are pending the outcome of the investigation by detectives, police said.

City officials said Harrison is a street worker employed by the city for less than a year, according to the Herald. Harrison's father told the Herald the shooting was an accident and happened when he was cleaning his gun.

Last week, Marcus Merritt, another anti-violence street worker employed by the Boston Foundation at Street Safe Boston, pleaded not guilty to multiple charges after police allegedly found him in a car with a prostitute, a gun and drugs.

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# Obama lays out battle plan at inauguration

President Barack Obama urged Americans yesterday to reject political "absolutism" and partisan rancor, as he kicked off his second term with an impassioned call for collective action and established a more assertive tone for challenges he faces over the next four years.

Obama's ceremonial swearing-in at the U.S. Capitol was filled with traditional pomp and pageantry, but it was a scaled-back inauguration compared to the historic start of his presidency in 2009 when he swept into office on a mantle of hope and change as America's first black president

Despite expectations tempered by economic weakness and a divided Washington, Obama delivered a confident listing of his plans for the battles he intends to fight, including over climate change, immigration reform and gay rights.

"We cannot mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate," Obama said as he stood in the wintry cold atop a giant makeshift platform on the Capitol steps overlooking the National Mall. "We must act, knowing that today's victories will be only partial."

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▶ President Barack Obama gives his inauguration address during the presidential inauguration on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol yesterday in Washington, D.C.

▶ Michelle Obama arrives with daughters Sasha, left, and Malia.

▶ Revelers celebrate.

**Quoted**

**"We cannot mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate"**

PRESIDENT OBAMA

## Tough battles in next term

The Democrat arrived at his second inauguration on solid footing, with his poll numbers up, Republicans on the defensive and his first-term record boasting accomplishments such as a U.S. healthcare overhaul, ending the war in Iraq and the killing of Osama bin Laden.

But fights are looming over budgets, gun control and immigration, with Republicans ready to oppose him at almost every turn.

## Inauguration tweets

▶ *A passionate and inspiring speech by our president. Barackl ooks like a new man :) Great inauguration!!.* SCOOTY @PLASHFO

▶ *I really appreciate the fact that this year's inauguration is reaching out to the gay community.* SHAYMUSALWAN @SHAYMUSALWAN

▶ *I don't see the point in the inauguration... Like he's just staying president.* DANIELLE GAVIN @DANNIMALXO

▶ *Who do you think Romney would have had sing at his inauguration? Gretchen Wilson and Kid Rock?* PARKSY @RECREATIONAREAS

▶ *A beautiful speech. An inspiring inauguration. Proud to have such an amazing President.* GREGG GOODBROD @GREGGGOODBROD

▶ *Love that today's inauguration was about all Americans, present and future.* ANNIE LAURIE HUNTER @ANNIEHUNTR

▶ *Oh the inauguration is on, lets all pretend we care about Obama for the day* KARINA VARGAS @VEENAASTY

▶ *No mom, I don't care about the inauguration.* MEGAN GRIFF @MEGGGRIFF

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# THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

▶ Jay-Z and Beyonce Knowles made a dramatic entrance at President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

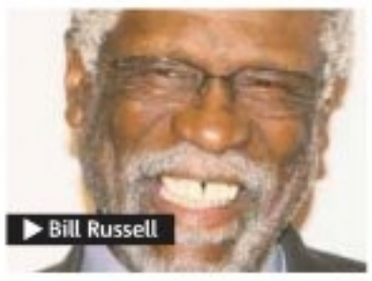
▶ Brandon Blackstock and Kelly Clarkson

John Meyer and Katy Perry

▶ Eva Longoria

## Celebrities rock Inauguration Day

Yesterday was a big day for **President Barack Obama** as well as the celebrities in attendance for the 57th inauguration. **Kelly Clarkson** (who came with new fiance **Brandon Blackstock**) performed "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" while **Beyonce Knowles** (in an Emilio Pucci gown) cranked out the national anthem — and even got hugs from President Obama and **first lady Michelle Obama** afterward. Looking on from the audience were **Katy Perry** and boyfriend **John Mayer** as well as



▶ Bill Russell

**Eva Longoria** in a beautiful pink trench coat. And in an awesome snafu, Boston Celtics great **Bill Russell** was misidentified as **Morgan Freeman** by ABC announcer **George Stephanopoulos**.

At the official inaugural balls, bold-faced names like **Alicia Keys**, **Usher**, **John Legend**, the cast of **"Glee," Brad Paisley**, **Nick Cannon**, **Jamie Foxx**, **Jennifer Hudson**, **Marc Anthony** and **Chris Cornell** are expected to appear.

One celeb who had a less-than-fun inauguration experience? **Lupe Fiasco**, who was asked to leave the stage at a pre-inauguration concert in Washington, D.C. "Lupe Fiasco performed at this private event, and as you may have read, he left the stage earlier than we had planned," concert organizers said in an e-mail to reporters. "But Lupe Fiasco was not 'kicked off stage' for an 'anti-Obama rant.' We are staunch supporters of free speech, and free political speech. This was not about his opinions. Instead, after a bizarrely repetitive, jarring performance that left the crowd vocally dissatisfied, organizers decided to move on to the next act."

## Talking points

### Swift is tired of the joking, people

**Taylor Swift**'s patchy romantic history has helped her pen a number of hit songs, but it's also made the subject of more than a few punch lines, and the 23-year-old singer has had enough, according to Radar Online. "At first Taylor just thought it was funny how much interest people had in her love life, and she went along with it," a source close to the singer says. "But now she's the butt of jokes on 'Saturday Night Live,' in the tabloids and on the late night shows. She laughed it off, but the jokes made about her at the Golden Globes got under her skin." But Swift also may be taking all the criticism and turning it into something positive, using this as a chance to turn her love life around. "The jokes being made about her love life embarrass her, but it's finally hit home with Taylor," the source says. "She really wants to make an effort to slow down and not jump from boyfriend to boyfriend. The negative press has really opened her eyes and will be good for her."

### Gomez uses music to help heal

**Selena Gomez** is using music to help work through her emotions following her split from **Justin Bieber** — just not her own music. The actress and singer treated the crowd at a recent UNICEF charity concert in New York to tunes of heartbreak by **Justin Timberlake** and **Taylor Swift**. Before launching into Timberlake's "Cry Me a River," Gomez told the crowd, "I've been through a lot the past few months. It's been weird and sad

▶ Gomez

and cool. This song definitely speaks to me." She later played Swift's "I Knew You Were Trouble."

### Leo DiCaprio needs a vacation

**Leonardo DiCaprio** has gone from filming "Django Unchained" to "The Great Gatsby" and straight into "The Wolf of Wall Street," and the schedule has taken its toll. "I'm a little bit drained," DiCaprio tells German newspaper Bild. "I am now going to take a long, long break." So what will DiCaprio be doing if he's not acting for a bit? "I would like to improve the world a bit," he says. "I will fly around the world doing good for the environment."

## The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Celebrities react about the inauguration. Chris Harrison knows his priorities, Olivia Wilde has some Inauguration Day tips, Alicia Keys felt the power and Neil Patrick Harris is inspired.

**@ChrisHarrison:** Once we take care of that inauguration for the leader of the free world thing it's all about the #Bachelor

**@Oliviawilde:** I sincerely hope it was Mimosa Monday at the WH today. I would be sh*tting myself anyway, but still, a bubbly beta blocker is in order.

**@AliciaKeys:** What a powerful day!! May we all take these powerful strides and continue moving forward!! Blessings!!

**@ActuallyNPH:** A brilliant speech today by @BarackObama. Inspiring stuff. I'm very proud to be an American.

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# ‘Survival’ of the fittest

**Wailers founder Aston ‘Family Man’ Barrett on the militant Marley album ◗ The band is playing that collection of songs in full tonight**

If you think the essence of Bob Marley & the Wailers includes waving a Red Stripe in the air and singing “every little thing is gonna be all right” along with a cover band, you may be surprised by what you hear at Brighton Music Hall tonight.

Led by founding member Aston “Family Man” Barrett, the Wailers are playing the 1979 album, “Survival,” in its entirety. This is the first time the band has dedicated a tour to a single album since Marley’s death in 1981. The 10-song collection starts with the desperate “So Much Trouble in the World” and only goes into darker, more militant territory. So why this album? Why now?

“The crisis that’s happening around the globe right now, it’s reminding us of the ’70s,” says Family Man. The 66-year-old Rasta-man speaks like his signature way of playing bass. His voice is deep and he takes pauses that end right after you wonder if you’ll hear from him again. It’s sometimes tricky to decipher his words through his thick Jamaican patois.

He says that the times leading up to recording “Survival” were dark days.

“Because the studio vibrations were so heavy, I keep away from the studio for about a week or two,” he says.

Shortly before recording the album, Marley had survived an assassination attempt (which he deals with on the “Survival” song “Ambush in the Night”) and he had fired the band’s longtime manager. Family Man says the band wanted to bring somebody in to produce the album, something they had not done since early in their career.

“We said if we can’t get Quincy Jones to produce it, we produce it ourselves,” he says.

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▶ Aston “Family Man” Barrett leads the Wailers through “Survival” tonight at Brighton Music Hall. For more info, visit www.brightonmusichall.com.

**“The crisis that’s happening around the globe right now, it’s reminding us of the ’70s.”** BARRETT

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## TV watch list

### ‘Parenthood’

**DRAMA.** Sarah finally chooses whether the curmudgeonly photographer Hank or sweet teacher Mark will be her main man. We’re going to have a harder time than she is if one of these guys leaves the picture entirely. **Season finale, 10 p.m., NBC**

### ‘Private Practice’

**DRAMA.** Addison’s trip down the aisle to her happily ever after with Jake isn’t going to be without its hurdles in tonight’s series finale. **Series finale, 10 p.m., ABC**

### ‘Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan’

**REALITY.** Dominic Monaghan gets “lost” in the wilderness for this travel series, which finds the actor documenting animals in remote regions of the world. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., BBC America** ◉ AMBER RAY

▶ Addison (Kate Walsh) and Jake (Benjamin Bratt) tie the knot on the series finale of “Private Practice.”

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# 4 New books to read to your kids this January

Baby, it's cold outside So grab your little one and curl up under the covers with these four new reads

### 'Grumpy Goat'

**Brett Helquist**
"Sunny Acres was the friendliest little farm in the country ... until one day that grumpy goat arrived," is how Helquist's latest begins. But one day, Grumpy Goat meets a new friend and his outlook changes. It's a touching, beautifully illustrated book about life and loss.

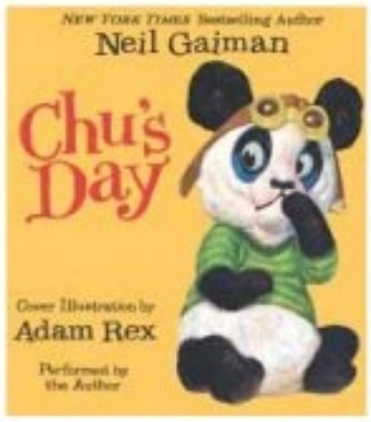
**Dorothy Robinson**
*dorothy.robinson@metro.us*

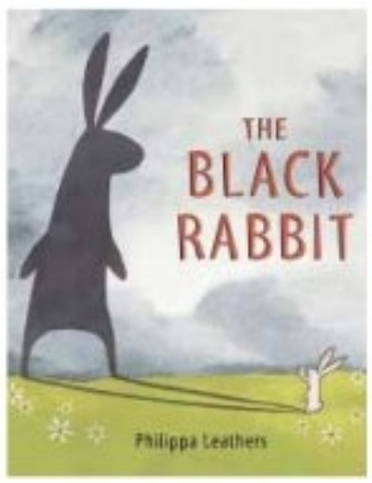
### 'Huggy Kissy'

**Leslie Patricelli**
Looking for a Valentine's Day gift for the new baby in your life? This easy-to-read board book follows a little baby looking for a snuggly hug and kiss from everyone.

### 'The Black Rabbit'

**Philippa Leathers**
One day, a plucky rabbit wakes up and sees a scary black rabbit right behind him. Rabbit runs and swims, but can't shake him. Is this new black rabbit a friend or foe for little rabbit? (Spoiler alert: It's his adorable shadow!)




### 'Chu's Day'

**Neil Gaiman**
Few authors are as beloved as Neil Gaiman — and now he's aiming to have an entirely new generation fall in love with him with "Chu's Day." Coupled with Adam Rex's gorgeous illustrations, readers follow a little panda named Chu to see if he will unleash a giant sneeze or not.

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# Newborn screening misses some deaf kids, study says

**Parents shouldn't be falsely reassured if their child passed the newborn hearing test Research shows possibility of an incorrect diagnosis**

**Screen early**

**"We don't know what is the false negative rate [of newborn screening] versus the delayed onset rate,'" said Dr. Nancy Young, a pediatric otolaryngologist from Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.**

Having deafness spotted and treated early, such as with cochlear implants, is important for children's future language development, she noted. "We need to stay on the lookout, be vigilant and refer these children in," said Young, who wasn't involved in the new research.

New research provides further evidence that some babies who pass their newborn hearing tests are found to be deaf or hard of hearing as young children.

Some of those newborns may receive passing grades incorrectly, researchers said, but others can be born with good hearing but develop progressive hearing loss as babies and toddlers.

"A parent or a physician may think, 'Oh, this child passed the screen, so they must not have hearing loss,'" said Dr. David Chi, the study's lead author from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

"Don't depend on just the fact that [your child] passed the screen, especially if there are any concerns about hearing loss or speech," he told Reuters Health.

Chi and his colleagues analyzed the medical records of 923 kids who came to their medical center with hearing loss between 2001 and 2011, and were between 4 and 5 years old, on average. Data showed that 78 of the children had passed their initial newborn screening.

Of those kids, 28 were brought in because of parents' concerns about their hearing and 25 had failed school hearing tests, according to the findings published Thursday in the Journal of American Medical Association.

There was no identifiable cause of hearing problems in more than half of the kids' medical records. The rest had deafness related to genetics, structural problems with their ears or complications from childhood such as infection.

It wasn't clear how long those kids had been hard of hearing before they were brought in. REUTERS

▶ Most newborns have their hearing tested before leaving the hospital.

**By the numbers**

**2 or 3**
Out of every 1,000 U.S. children are born deaf or with hearing problems, according to the National Institutes of Health, and more go on to become hard of hearing with the possibility of related hurdles to speech development.

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### Taking our guns the first step toward tyranny, feudalism

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The main reason for the Second Amendment to our Constitution was for deterring a tyrannical government. Please don't give up any part of the Second Amendment.

It was put there by our forefathers to protect us from the scavengers of society who live off of us, which includes our own government, who will negate our Constitution piecemeal, leading us on the road back to serfdom. Anyone remember Prohibition? Don't let it go any further.
**ALAN JACOBS VIA E-MAIL**

## Quoted

*"I don't see what all of the fuss is about Manti T'eo's imaginary girlfriend. He's a linebacker; he's not supposed to be too bright."*

**BRUCE A. BENNETT, VIA E-MAIL, RE: "THE MAN OF OUR DREAMS" (METRO, JAN. 18-20)**

### Don't let NRA sell you on guns like it has our lawmakers

About the NRA — every time a shooting tragedy takes place, their solution is "more guns!" Newtown — 20 kids, six adults dead — happened, and the NRA advises more guns. Same thing for Gabby Giffords, a bunch of people at a movie in Aurora, and students in Columbine. One would think the NRA is in the business of selling guns.

Wait a minute — they are. In fact, it's a $12 billion a year business. They have what they want — there ARE more guns. Their solution doesn't work. The only way to fix the problem is at the ballot box. Politicians who get an "A" rating from the NRA need to get an "F" rating from the voters.
**PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL**

### Forget shiny and new — fix what's already broken

It was only been 60 hours after Governor Patrick and the T's GM Davie gave us their "wish list" of projects when I learned from various sources that the entire E-train/trolley on the Green Line was out of service for nearly five-plus hours on Saturday due to either overhead power line problems or switching problems. I recommend that the governor and GM focus more on fixing and maintaining our current public transportation system instead of focusing on their expensive, grand plan of new lines, new cars, new stations, etc. **J P LAWRENCE, BOSTON**

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## Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In an involvement with friends, don't depend upon any one person to get things organized. You should know: If you want something done, do it yourself.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You're likely to be far more successful in your commercial affairs if you use an indirect approach. Don't be too obvious about your intentions and tip your hand prematurely.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you feel you could do a better job of making arrangements for others than someone else, don't hesitate to ask to take over. That person might be pleased to get rid of the job.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** An important objective is reachable, but you might have to alter your tactics to achieve it. You won't mind being flexible to deal with shifting conditions.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you always do quite well with situations that challenge your imagination and creativity, you won't dodge assignments that appear complex or difficult to others.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Much to your surprise, you'll perform ably and even reap substantial benefits from an arrangement that you thought offered little or no possibilities whatsoever.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Teaming up with others could turn out to be a fortunate move for you, especially if your allies are as bold as you are. This isn't a day for shrinking violets.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You are now in a cycle where you could receive a lot of deserving acknowledgement and rewards for past work. Push harder.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Instead of attempting to manipulate developments, let nature run its course. You're in a fortunate cycle, but Lady Luck needs lots of room and freedom to operate.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Remain both hopeful and expectant today, because just when you think an important matter can't be finalized to your satisfaction events will take a turn for the better.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Try once again to get in touch with certain people who you believe are important to your immediate plans. They are likely to be more receptive to your ideas than before.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be sure to manage your resources with extreme care, because your material trends look uncertain. Don't unrealistically raise your expectations.
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1 Agree with
5 Language of Buddhist scriptures
9 Civvies
14 "Fargo" director
15 Terrible czar
16 Acrylic fabric
17 Lack of caring
19 Woodwinds
20 Life story
21 Slimy vegetable
22 Decorates a gift
23 Tightrope walker
25 Sigh loudly
26 Tex- — cuisine
27 Business deals
30 — B. DeMille
33 Sen. Helms
34 A vote in favor
36 Touched down
37 Come to an end
38 Catherine — -Jones
39 Yang complement
40 Flirt
41 — nova
42 Calmly
44 Term of endearment
45 Worn-down pencils
46 Ring source
50 Like a cactus
52 Loathsome
53 Gigi's boyfriend
54 Beauty's swain
55 Pastime
57 Portage item
58 Home appliance
59 PC screens
60 Fix a manuscript
61 Play in the kiddie pool
62 — fixe

**Down**
1 Cousteau invention
2 Greek column style
3 Interior design
4 U2 producer
5 Miner's tool
6 Head off
7 "Tomb Raider" heroine
8 Overnight stopping place
9 Docking fee
10 Sophisticated
11 Turkey
12 "Be on your —!"
13 Successful candidates
18 Coveted prize
22 More than bad
24 Not mention
25 Topsy-turvy
27 Powdery
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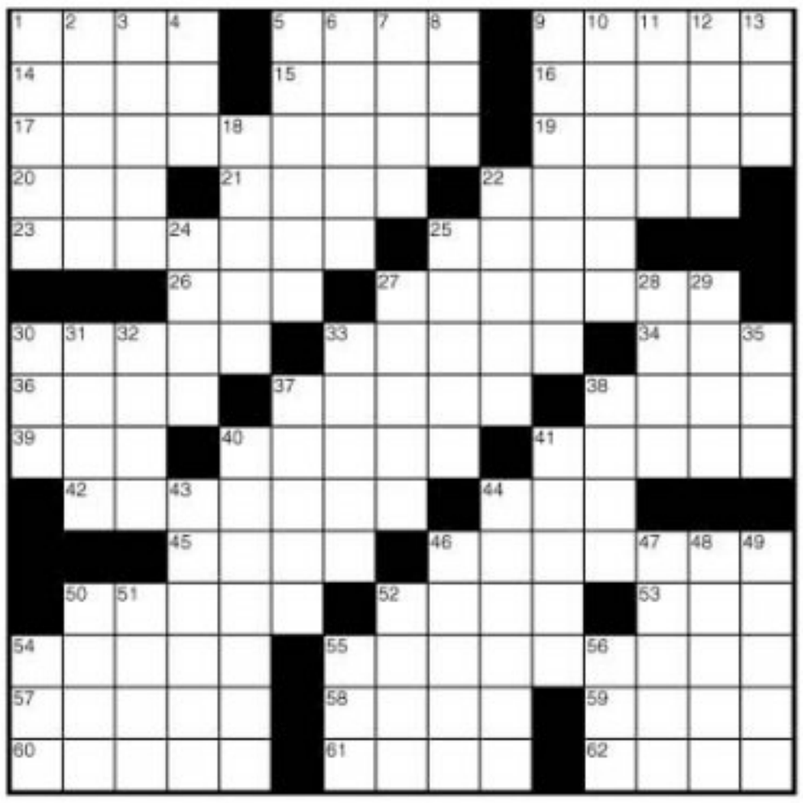

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

**Solution to yesterday's crossword**

**How to play Sudoku:** Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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# WHERE TO GO THIS WINTER

As the temperatures start to drop, our minds wander to winter escapes — whether that means hitting the slopes, the sand or the city Here are some suggestions for a getaway

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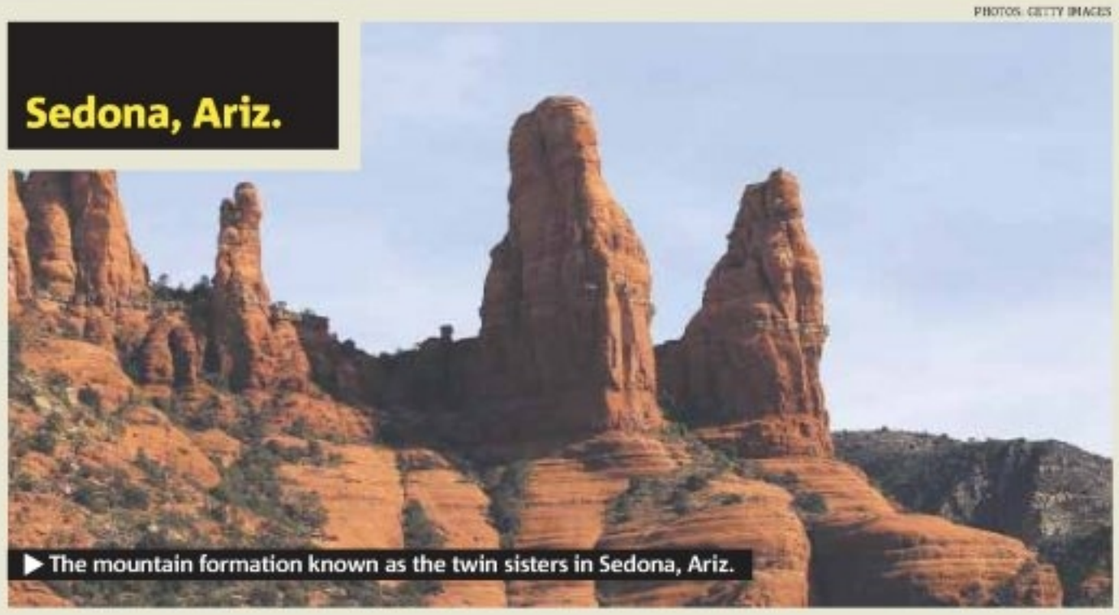
## Sedona, Ariz.



The mountain formation known as the twin sisters in Sedona, Ariz.

**Why go now:** Sedona's desert environs are a reprieve from soggy winter days. The city's deep-rooted spirituality can also help relieve winter doldrums. Set against the spellbinding Red Rocks, Sedona has long been a haven for spa and yoga enthusiasts — but more active pursuits, like hiking and mountain biking are top-notch, too.
**Insider tip:** To get a taste of the area's emerging wine region, explore the Verde Valley, which is a short drive from Sedona.

## Puerto Rico

The cobblestone streets of San Juan.

**Why go now:** For a convenient, close-to-home tropical sojourn, Puerto Rico fits the bill. Get your fix of old-world urban charm along the cobblestone streets of San Juan. The town of Rincon, on the northwest coast, is a hot spot for surfers. Between November and February, the most skilled of the bunch can ride big waves at beaches like Tres Palmas and Domes Beach. For a more isolated getaway, consider hopping to the island of Vieques, just southwest of San Juan, for dozens of deliciously secluded beaches.

## Jackson Hole, Wyo.

**Why go now:** From enhancements to the slopes to a sizzling culinary scene and new nonstop air service, this charming town is experiencing a renaissance. A favorite destination for high-level skiers, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort has added a new high-speed quad to access beginner- and intermediate-friendly terrain. Apres-ski, choose from mainstay watering holes or a new wine bar before indulging in tasty cuisine from the area's enterprising chefs.
**Insider tip:** Check out the recently formed Mountain Collective, including Alta in Jackson Hole, Utah, Aspen and Snowmass in Colorado, as well as Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows in Lake Tahoe.



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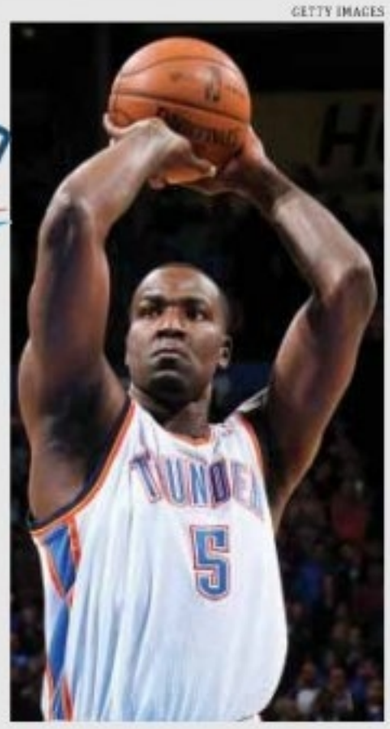

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No Manu Ginobili, no problem. The Spurs have beat the Grizzlies, Warriors and Hawks with Ginobili nursing a strained hammy. They're continuing to nip at the heels of the Clippers.

**4 HEAT (26-12)**
The Heat haven't played since Thursday and don't play until Wednesday. Clear your Sunday schedule as Ray Allen and the Heat make their first trip to Boston. Will Allen be booed or cheered?

**5 GRIZZLIES (26-14)**
Blowout losses to the Clippers and Spurs last week was a wakeup call for a Grizzlies team that still seems to be figuring out if they're contenders or pretenders.

**6 NUGGETS (25-18)**
Denver lost to the Thunder last Wednesday but then turned around and beat them in overtime on Sunday. That's the sign of a tough group.

**7 NETS (24-16)**
The Nets finally lost their first game of 2013 last week to the Hawks but got revenge on Friday. They're playing some of the best basketball in the league.

**8 WARRIORS (24-15)**
Golden State's January schedule has been rough and its results have been rougher. Losses to the Clippers, Grizzlies, Nuggets, Heat and Spurs have set them back a bit.

**9 PACERS (26-16)**
The Pacers rank first in rebounds and first in points allowed. They don't exactly win pretty, but they win. With Danny Granger likely to return to the court soon, there's a lot to be excited about.

**10 KNICKS (25-13**
New York has been playing .500 ball for a month now. A Thursday nighter against the C's has us thinking about our favorite cereals.

**11 BULLS (23-16)**
If these rankings were based on confidence, the Bulls would be in the top 5. So what if they don't have Derrick Rose? They're winning games right now.

**12 HAWKS (23-18)**
A 3-8 stretch isn't going to do a whole lot for the Josh Smith is an All-Star argument. Still, 16.5 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 1.3 spg and 2.2 bpg is hard to dismiss.

**13 BUCKS (21-18)**
Monta Ellis and Brandon Jennings are averaging virtually the same numbers this season: around 19 points, three rebounds and six assists. Not bad, but it's doubtful they'll get anywhere in the playoffs.

**14 CELTICS (20-20)**
Doc Rivers threatened to "get some guys out of here" if things don't change soon. But, really, what other NBA team wants any of these guys?

**15 JAZZ (22-19)**
The Jazz have taken advantage of both the Rockets and Blazers' skids and are now holding down the No. 7 spot in the Western Conference. They'll take that for sure.

**16 ROCKETS (21-21)**
(Don't say, "Houston we have a problem." ... Don't say, "Houston we have a problem.") ... Houston, we have a problem! The Rockets are back to Earth after a great start.

**17 BLAZERS (20-20)**
Losses to Oklahoma City and Denver are understood. It's the losses to Cleveland and Milwaukee that has everyone second-guessing this streaky Portland team. Damian Lillard is fun, though.

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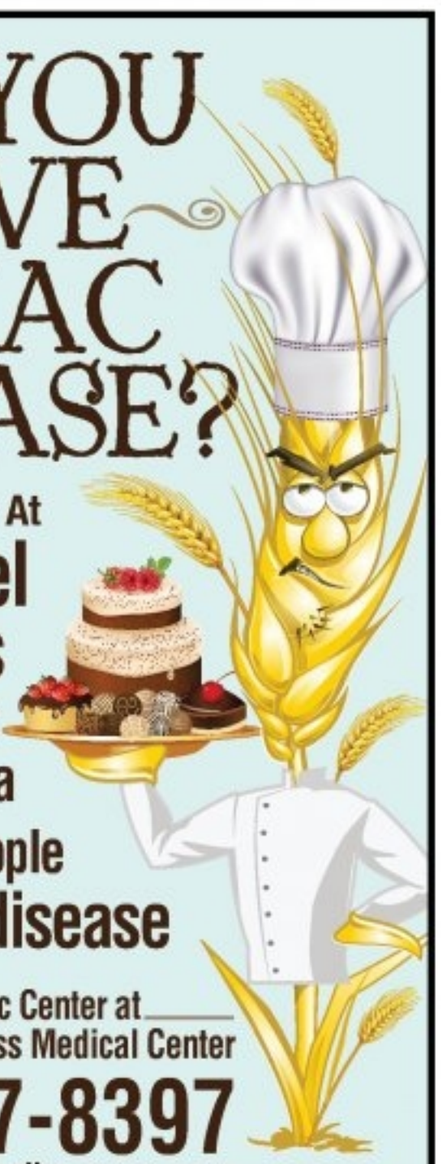

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## Facebook chatter

- **Wes Welker's wife,** Anna Burns Welker, came out swinging on Facebook after the Pats loss to the Ravens.
- **She wrote:** "Proud of my husband and the Pats. By the way, if anyone is bored, please go to Ray Lewis' Wikipedia page. 6 kids 4 wives. Aquitted for murder. Paid a family off. Yay. What a hall of fame player!"

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▶ More double-digit win seasons are likely in store for Tom Brady and the Patriots.

# Sting from loss to Ravens won't linger all that long

## Opinion

In the warped world of sports, it is better that Tom Brady and the Patriots lost this past Sunday instead of Super Bowl Sunday.

Somewhere along the line we all decided that finishing in second place is far, far worse than finishing in third or fourth place as the Patriots and Falcons just did.

This Patriots playoff loss is a lot easier to take than some of the other recent ones. The one against the Jets two years back truly stung because it was, well, the Jets. The nail finally fought back against the hammer, all that stuff.

The first Ravens loss at Gillette three years ago hurt a lot, because it sort of seemed as if this golden era of Patriots football was coming to a quick close. Since then the Pats have rattled of seasons of 14 wins, 13 wins and 12 wins. So we were a bit off on that prediction.

The two losses to the Giants were brutal, not because the Giants are from New York, but because they both occurred in the Super Bowl.

Because the Patriots lost Sunday instead of Feb. 3, Brady's record still stands at 3-2 in the big game. He is still above-average on the big stage.

Joe Montana is regarded by most as the best quarterback of all-time, mainly because he was a perfect 4-0 in the Super Bowl. But what happened to Joe Cool's clutch gene from 1985-87, when he pulled a Peyton Manning and went one-and-done three years in a row?

Brady has never endured such a brutal three-year postseason stretch, and yet he will always be viewed as "less clutch" than Montana.

Now is as good a time as ever for just a little perspective. There are fan bases out there that would kill for just an 8-8 season. The Patriots haven't posted a below-.500 season in 13 years. The hail storm of double-digit win seasons won't end until Brady decides that Brazil is a better place to be than Foxboro in January or until Belichick decides that you can have fun in Nantucket during the winter as well as the summer. No franchise in the NFL can absolutely say for certain that they will be in the playoffs next January. That goes for the AFC champion Ravens and the NFC champion 49ers. Still, is there one reason to believe that the Patriots won't be good for at least 11 wins next year?

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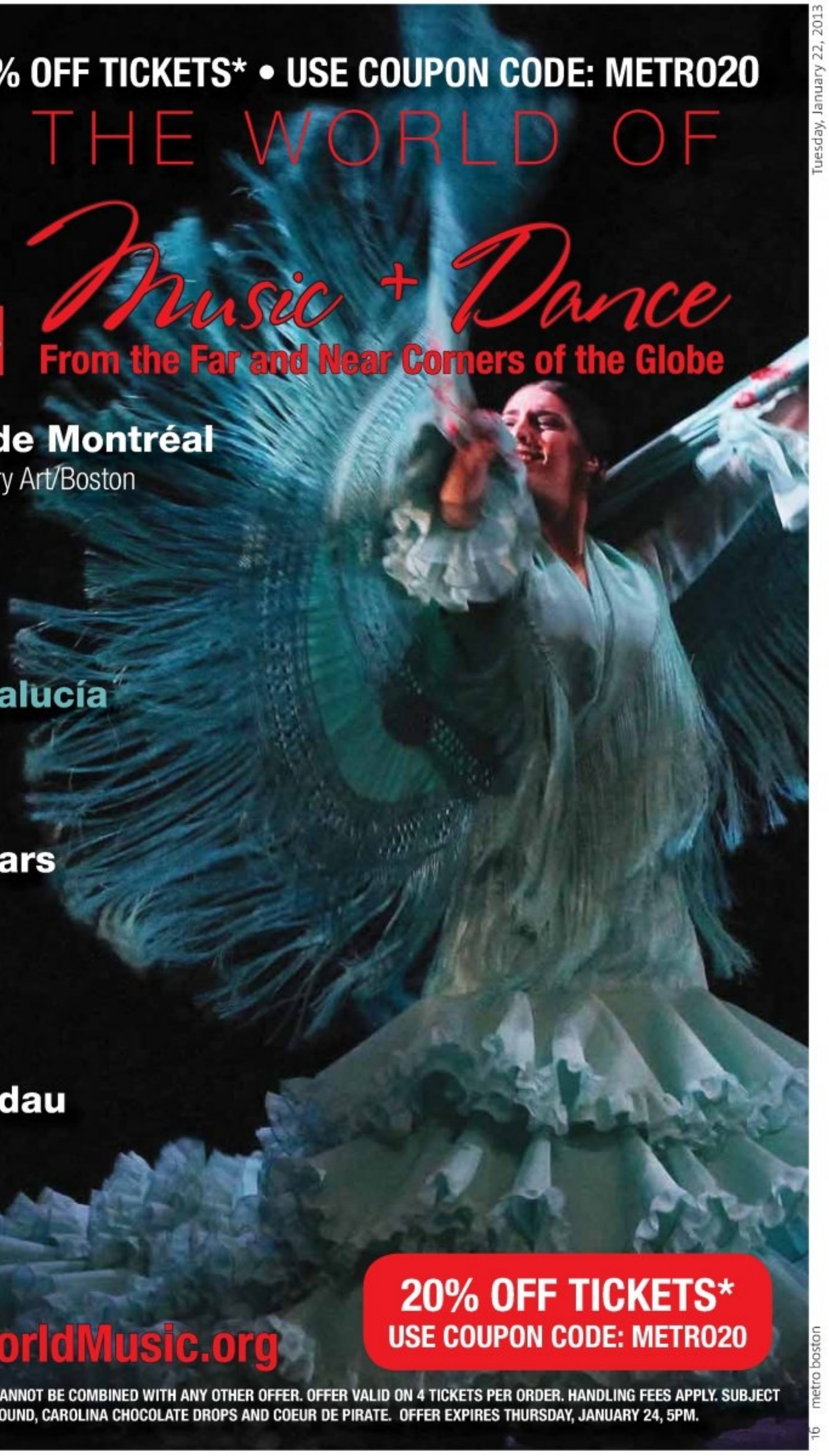

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